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In re : Manfredi et al.

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Title : METHOD OF DETECTING
PROTEIN- PROTEIN
INTERACTIONS

Examiner:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

December 9, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.115 regarding preliminary amendments, please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application.

In the Claims, please add the following new Claims 60-64:

60. (New) A method for detecting protein-protein interaction between a first test polypeptide and a second test polypeptide, comprising:

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producing in a host cell a first fusion protein and a second fusion protein, said first fusion protein having said first test polypeptide and an N-intein, said second fusion protein having said second test polypeptide and a C-intein, wherein at least one of the two fusion proteins has an inactive reporter capable of being converted to an active reporter protein upon trans-splicing through said N-intein and said C-intein; and

determining the production of said active reporter protein.

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